TALLAHASSEE – Chancellor Mark B. Rosenberg announced today that Bob Donley, Chief of Staff and Operations for the Board of Governors, would be leaving June 9 to become Executive Director of the Iowa Board of Regents.

Donley was chosen today by a unanimous vote of the Iowa board.

In this position, Donley reports directly to the Iowa Board of Regents and acts under its direction. The Executive Director is the top higher-education official in the state of Iowa.

The Board of Regents is the statutory governing body for the nationally ranked University of Iowa (which includes the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics), Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa, among other institutions. The system enrolls nearly 70,000 students, employs a faculty and staff of 20,000 and has a budget of $3.6 billion.

“During his tenure as Chief of Staff, Bob has been instrumental in helping to enhance all areas of the Board of Governors office, including Board operations, University Administrative and Trustee Relations, and External Relations and Public Affairs,” Rosenberg said. “We are very proud of his work.”

As Chief of Staff and Operations for the Board of Governors, Donley is responsible for providing support to the chancellor on all policy and administrative matters and for ensuring the efficient management of special projects with an emphasis on increased efficiency, effectiveness and responsiveness.

Donley came to the Office of the Chancellor from Florida International University, where, since 1995, he served in a variety of key administrative positions - Chief of Staff to the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Human Resources, Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President for Business, Finance and Governmental Relations, and Chief of Staff to the President. Prior to joining FIU he worked in Washington, where he served as the National Executive Director of the Samaritans, a national nonprofit suicide-prevention organization.
During his public service in his home state of Rhode Island, Donley served as Deputy Secretary of State, among other positions, and was elected as a nonpartisan delegate to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention.

Donley holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Rhode Island, and a master's degree in Education from Saint Joseph's College in Maine.

*The Board of Governors is the constitutional body created by voters in 2002 to guide the State University System of Florida.*

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